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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/254,101
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8,

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
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ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR§1.17(l) required)

b. Other _____

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